

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 6-26 and 33-53. No claims have been amended or added. Accordingly, claims 27-32 are pending and under consideration.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants hereby request allowance of the remaining claims.

ALLOWED SUBJECT MATTER:

The current Office Action indicated that claims 27-32 are allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 6, 16-20 and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants have cancelled claims 6, 16-20 and 22-23. Accordingly, Applicants submit the rejection is moot and request reconsideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-26, 33-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Singh et al. in view of Weber et al. (Search Report – US Patent 6,113,643 – “W”).

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-26 and 33-53. Accordingly, Applicants submit the rejection is moot and request reconsideration.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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